Grant of Pension to Poor and Destitute People

*Q.—696. SRI D. MUNICHINNAPPA (Bangalore South).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of applications received by the Revenue Department and forwarded to the Government from aged people above 60 years from the Bangalore Rural and Urban Districts, who are poor and destitute, seeking pension ;

(*b*) how many of these have been granted pension ;

(*c*) how many are still pending ;

(*d*) how many applications are returned and the reasons therefor ?

A.—SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) Pension is admissible under Rule 5 of O.A.P. Rules to persons who are 70 years and above and in the case of persons who are blind, insane etc., 65 years and above.

267 cases are received.

(*b*) 104.

(*c*) 74 (under correspondence with the Revenue Officers).

(*d*) 89 cases have been rejected, since they do not fulfil the conditions laid down in Rule 5 of O.A.P. Rules.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಮುನಿಚಿನ್ನಪ್ಪ.—74 ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸರಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡರಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದರ ತಪಶೀಲು ಹೇಳಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ?

†SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—For want of sufficient information we have sent back the papers to the Assisstant Commissioner concerned.

SRI P.F. D'MELLOW.—In view of the large number of disqualified people on account of the rules, will Government be pleased to take early action to have these rules examined. The Minister was pleased to say that the rules are operating to the disadvantage particularly where the aged are housed in charitable institutions. Will they examine the rules so as to make them a little more generous ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—They are already quite generous.

SRI R. S. HEGDE.—Is it not a fact there have been reperesentations that the old-age pension should be given on the attainment of the seventieth year or that at least it must be provided to all the applicants. How do Government propose to act in this behalf ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—This matter is under active consideration.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಹೋದ ವರ್ಷ 45 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಕಾರ ಹಂಚುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗದೆ ಅವರಲ್ಲ ನುಮಾರು 43 ಲಕ್ಷದಷ್ಟು ರ್ಯಾಪ್ಸ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈಗ ಕಾನೂನನ್ನು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸರಿಯಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಚರಣೆಗೆ ತರುವುದನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ದೋಷದೋಷವಿದ್ದರೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ಸರಕಾರ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದೆ ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—The Finance Department has issued circulars to all the Deputy Commissioners and other officers concerned to give wide publicity to this scheme. Government realises the fact that as many applications as should come are not coming. So, Government have from time to time reminded the Deputy Commissioners to give wide publicity to this scheme.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸುಶೀಲಾಬಾಯಿ ಪಾ.—ರಿಜ್ಯೆರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಗವರ್ನಮೆಂಟ್ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 55 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ, ಈ ಡೋಲ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತ್ರ 70 ವರ್ಷ ಏಕೆ ರೂಲ್ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ಗಫಾರ್.—70 ವರ್ಷದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ 70 ವರ್ಷ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗಿದೆ.

SRI P. F. D'MELLOW.—With due respect to the Deputy Minister for Finance, may I say that the Minister for Finance the other day agreed to look into this matter because in point of fact the institutions where these individuals are housed are for the most part receiving only a token grant from the Government which means that if these people are eligible for this pension then these institutions are required to forfeit that much money which is already given as token grant. Will the Government kindly examine the matter and amend the rules ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—This matter will be examined further.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಕಾಶೀಮಠ್.—ವೈದ್ಯಾಪ್ಯ ವೇತನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಕೊಡುವವರಿಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಬಹಳ ದಿವಸ ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ, ಅವರು ಸತ್ತಂಥ ಪ್ರಸಂಗ ಇದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ತೀವ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನ್ನು ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೇರಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—So far as the Finance Department is concerned, there is no delay. The delay is in the Revenue Department and we are trying to bring to their notice the need for quick disposal.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ವೃದ್ಧರಿಗೆ ವೇತನ ಕೊಡುವ ಕಾನೂನಿನಲ್ಲಿ, ಗತಿಹೀನರು—ಡೆಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್‌ನ್ನೂ ಸೇರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 70 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಮುದುಕರು, ಮುದುಕಿಯರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂತ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ 70 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಮೇಲಿನವರಿಗೆ ಈ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

SRI H. R. ABDUL GAFFAR.—It is a suggestion for consideration.

Tours conducted by the Directorate of Tourism

*Q.—57. Sri SIDDIAH KASHIMATH (Shirahatti).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Directorate of Tourism Government of Mysore, has conducted any tours in the State to study the places of tourist importance in the State ;

(*b*) if so, how many tours have been conducted and in which places?